

Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA)

National Standards to Prevent, Detect, Deter and Respond to Prison Rape in Confinement Facilities

Public Law 108-79

28 CFR Part 115

Overview

The intended purpose of these standards is to provide comprehensive guidelines for preventing, detecting, deterring and responding to incidents of sexual abuse and sexual harassment involving inmates in a confinement facility. After a lengthy process that included public review and comment, the Department Of Justice published PREA Standards that dictate administrative and operational procedures for Federal, State and Local Adult Prisons and Jails, Lockups, Community Confinement Facilities and Juvenile Facilities. These PREA Standards became effective on August 20, 2012.

As a result, the Connecticut Department of Correction has issued an Administrative Directive establishing a **“ZERO TOLERANCE”** policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment of inmates.

To view the policy click on the following link: <http://www.ct.gov/doc/LIB/doc/PDF/AD/ad0612.pdf>

The Connecticut Department of Correction:

- Does not tolerate sexual abuse or sexual harassment of any inmate.
- Shall work proactively at preventing, detecting, deterring and responding to acts of sexual abuse and sexual harassment involving inmates.
- Shall ensure that existing practices and new strategies to prevent, detect, deter, and respond to acts of sexual abuse and sexual harassment involving inmates comply with applicable PREA standards.

Investigation

All complaints of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are considered to be serious incidents that will be thoroughly investigated. The PREA Investigation Unit is in charge of all PREA related investigations and will accept complaints from any concerned individual. If an investigation reveals misconduct of a criminal nature the case will be referred to the Connecticut State Police for additional investigation and possible prosecution. All confirmed incidents can result in administrative sanctions and/or criminal prosecution.

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Additional Information on the Department of Correction PREA Unit can be found at:

<http://www.ct.gov/doc/cwp/view.asp?a=%271503&q=526632>

Addition Resources

The National PREA Resource Center:
<http://www.prearesourcecenter.org/>